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Reply to Office Action dated April 20, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments made to the claims, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Initially, it was noted that the Examiner has rejected various claims for formal reasons. More particularly, the Examiner indicates that antecedent basis is lacking in claims 2 and 9 for the recitation "the form." By the present amendment, claims 2 and 9 have been amended to change "the form" to --a form--. Based on these changes, withdrawal of the formal rejection is respectfully requested.

The claims in this application all stand rejected as being anticipated by Blair et al. Patent No. 6,502,265. The Blair et al. patent is commonly assigned and actually part of the overall appliance to which the present invention is also employed. Even though it is the Applicant's position that the Blair et al. patent does not at all disclose the present invention, in order to clearly obviate the rejection presented by the Examiner, enclosed herewith is an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 which swears behind the filing date of the Blair et al. reference.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that all the rejections presented in the first Office Action have been overcome such that allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any

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additional concerns regarding the allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below to further expedite the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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